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For. PIN CONNECTION STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF CONNECTING
MEMBERS BY PIN

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Sir:

I, Shusuke Yamamoto, a citizen of Japan, hereby declare and state the following:

1. I am a co-inventor of the above-identified patent application.
2. I have read and am familiar with the above-identified patent application as well as the Office Action of December 20, 2002, in the application.
3. I have read and am familiar with the contents of U.S. Patent No. 5,520,269 to Yamamoto et al, particularly the reliance on what is allegedly shown in Figure 8(a) thereof.
4. I am a co-inventor in the above U.S. Patent No. 5,520,269 to Yamamoto et al.

5. It was not my intention to provide or show a convex shape in the inner periphery of the end portion 20d of hollow pin 20 shown in Figure 8(a) of the Yamamoto et al patent.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this _____ day of May, 2003.

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